

Exotic Branes and Non-Geometric Backgrounds

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Introduction

U-duality

- ▶ Relates various objects in string/M-theory

T: $D_p \leftrightarrow D(p \pm 1)$, FI \leftrightarrow P, NS5 \leftrightarrow KKM, ...

S: FI \leftrightarrow D1, NS5 \leftrightarrow D5, ...

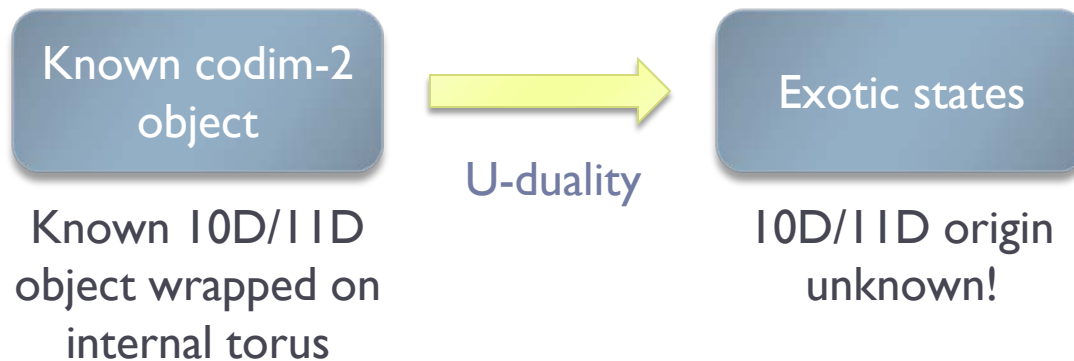
- ▶ Enhances in lower dims.

- ▶ M-theory on T^k : $E_{k(k)}(\mathbb{Z})$ [Hull+Townsend]

k	D	G(Z)
1	10	I
2	9	$SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
3	8	$SL(3, \mathbb{Z}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$
4	7	$O(5, 5, \mathbb{Z})$
5	6	$SL(5, \mathbb{Z})$
6	5	$E_{6(6)}(\mathbb{Z})$
7	4	$E_{7(7)}(\mathbb{Z})$
8	3	$E_{8(8)}(\mathbb{Z})$

Codimension-2 objects (1)

- ▶ U-duality on codim-2 objects produces **exotic states**



They can have mass $\sim g_s^{-3}, g_s^{-4}$

[9707217 Elitzur+Giveon+Kutasov+Rabinovici]
[9809039 Obers+Pioline]

Codimension-2 objects (2)

▶ Example: Type II on T^2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NS5	·	·	○	○	○	○	○	~	~

T^2



T-duality along x^8, x^9

$5\frac{2}{2}$

We will see that
this is a “T-fold”.

Supertube effect

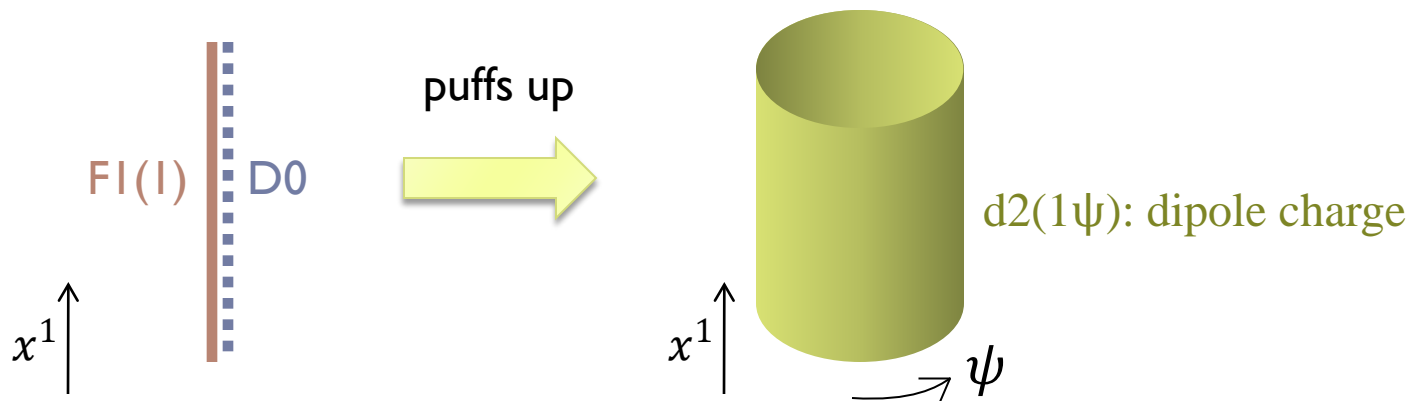
- ▶ Codim-2 object problematic

- ▶ Log divergences

$$V \sim \frac{1}{r^{d-2}} \xrightarrow{d=2} V \sim \log\left(\frac{\mu}{r}\right)$$

- ▶ Are they relevant? Why care?

- ▶ Supertube effect = spontaneous polarization [Mateos+Townsend]



Relevance of exotic branes

- ▶ **Non-exotic** branes can puff up to produce **exotic** dipole charges
 - No log divergence
 - Exotic branes are relevant to non-exotic physics!
- ▶ **Black holes: bound states of branes**
 - Microstate (non-)geometries?

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- ▶ Exotic states & their higher-D origin
- ▶ SUGRA description
- ▶ Supertube effect
- ▶ Conclusion

Exotic states and their higher-D origin

Exotic states in 3D (1)

- ▶ **M on T^8 or Type II on T^7**

- 3D N=16 sugra

- **128** scalars (in 3D, scalar = vector)

- U-duality group $E_{8(8)}(Z)$: generated by T- and S-dualities

- ▶ **Particle multiplet:**

- Start from a point-like object

- e.g. D7(3456789) wrapped on T^7

- Take T- and S-dualities to get other states

Exotic states in 3D (2)

► Particle multiplet:

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Type IIA	P (7), F1 (7), D0 (1), D2 (21), D4 (35), D6 (7), NS5 (21), KKM (42), 5_2^2 (21), 0_3^7 (1), 2_3^5 (21), 4_3^2 (35), 6_3^1 (7), $0_4^{(1,6)}$ (7), 1_4^6 (7)
Type IIB	P (7), F1 (7), D1 (7), D3 (35), D5 (21), D7 (1), NS5 (21), KKM (42), 5_2^2 (21), 1_3^6 (7), 3_3^4 (35), 5_3^2 (21), 7_3 (1), $0_4^{(1,6)}$ (7), 1_4^6 (7)
M-theory	P (8), M2 (28), M5 (56), KKM (56), 5^3 (56), 2^6 (28), $0^{(1,7)}$ (8)

**240
states**

► Notation for exotic states

$$b_n^c : M = \frac{R^b (R^c)^2}{g_s^n}$$

$$b_n^{(d,c)} : M = \frac{R^b (R^c)^2 (R^d)^3}{g_s^n}$$

Example: $5_2^2(34567,89) : M = \frac{R_3 \cdots R_7 (R_8 R_9)^2}{g_s^2 l_s^8}$

Duality rules

- ▶ Duality rules can be read off from:

$$T_y: R_y \rightarrow \frac{l_2^2}{R_y}, \quad g_s \rightarrow \frac{l_s}{R_y} g_s \qquad S: g_s \rightarrow \frac{1}{g_s}, \quad l_s \rightarrow g_s^{1/2} l_s$$

- ▶ Example:

$$\text{NS5}(34567) \xrightarrow{T_8} \text{KKM}(34567,8) \xrightarrow{T_9} 5_2^2(34567,89)$$

$$M = \frac{R_3 \cdots R_7}{g_s^2 l_s^6} \xrightarrow{T_8} \frac{R_3 \cdots R_7}{(l_s/R_8)^2 l_s^6} = \frac{R_3 \cdots R_7 R_8^2}{g_s^2 l_s^8} : 5_2^1 = \text{KKM}$$

$$\xrightarrow{T_9} \frac{R_3 \cdots R_7 R_8^2}{(l_s/R_8)^2 l_s^8} = \frac{R_3 \cdots R_7 (R_8 R_9)^2}{g_s^2 l_s^{10}} : 5_2^2$$

Higher D origin

- ▶ 240 states for 128 gauge fields??

→ Higher D origin unclear

cf. $D > 3$: (#point particle states) = (#gauge fields)

Higher D origin: wrapped branes

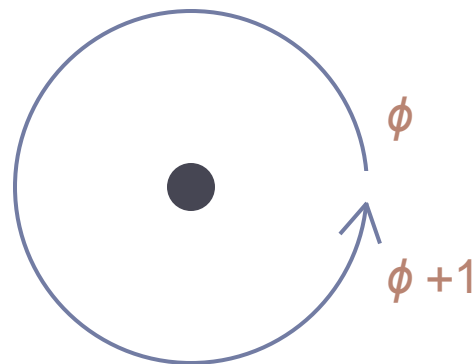
- ▶ Claim: higher D origin is

U-fold = non-geometric background

Higher D origin = U-folds (1)

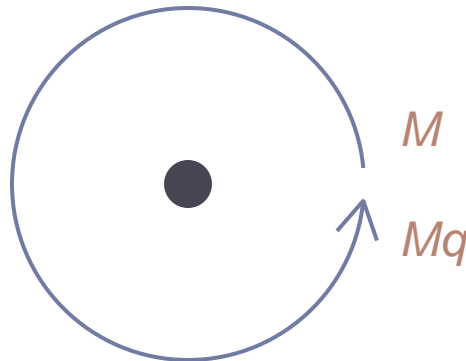
E.g. D7 on T^7

- ▶ (magnetically) coupled to RR 0-form C_0
- ▶ 3D scalar $\phi = C_0$
- ▶ Monodromy: $\phi \rightarrow \phi + 1$ (part of $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ symmetry of IIB)



Higher D origin = U-folds (2)

- ▶ In 3D, charge = monodromy of scalar ϕ
- ▶ Shifting symmetry + S, T-dualities $\longrightarrow E_{8(8)}(\mathbb{Z})$
- ▶ ϕ gets combined with other scalars to form moduli matrix
$$M \in \mathcal{M} = SO(16) \backslash E_{8(8)}(\mathbb{R}) / E_{8(8)}(\mathbb{Z})$$
- ▶ Can consider a particle with general U-duality monodromy
$$q \in E_{8(8)}(\mathbb{Z}) \equiv G(\mathbb{Z})$$

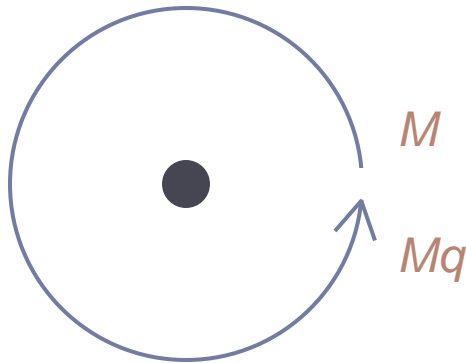


“Charge” of a 3D particle is U-duality monodromy around it!

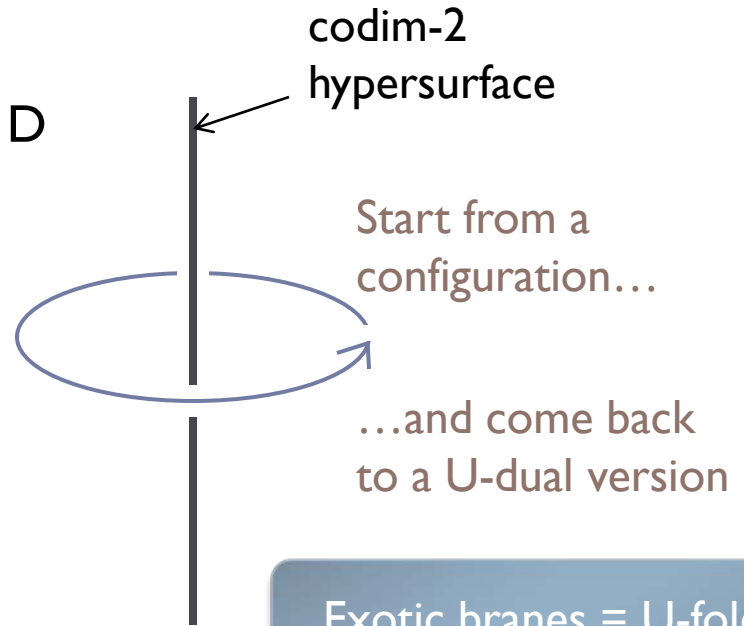
Higher D origin = U-folds (3)

- ▶ “Charge” of a 3D particle = U-duality monodromy around it
- ▶ No relation between $\#(\text{gauge fields}) = \#\text{scalars}$ and $\#\text{charges}$
- ▶ In 10D/11D, we have a non-geometric U-fold

3D



10D/11D



How many “charges” are there? (1)

1. Start from charge = monodromy $q \in G(\mathbb{Z})$, i.e.

$$M \rightarrow Mq$$

2. Go to another U-dual frame by $U \in G(\mathbb{Z})$

3. In the dual frame, charge and moduli are

$$\tilde{q} = U^{-1}qU \quad \tilde{M} = MU$$

4. Change moduli adiabatically back to M

5. In the original frame, we have charge $\tilde{q} = U^{-1}qU$



Starting from a charge q , can obtain other charges \tilde{q} by conjugation by U-duality matrix U

Caveats:

How many “charges” are there? (2)

Example

- ▶ D7 has monodromy

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

- ▶ Conjugate by a general $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ matrix

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} s & r \\ q & p \end{pmatrix}, \quad ps - qr = 1, \quad p, s, q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$$



New charge:

$$\tilde{T} = U^{-1}TU = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + pq & p^2 \\ -q^2 & 1 - pq \end{pmatrix} : \text{monodromy of } (p, q) \text{ 7-brane}$$

Note: there are only 2 parameters although U had 3

How many “charges” are there? (3)

- ▶ Set of all charges obtained from given q : conjugacy orbit
- ▶ “Charges” live in discrete non-Abelian “lattice” $G(\mathbb{Z})$
 - Meaningless to ask “how many” different charges there are
- ▶ Replace $G(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow G(\mathbb{R})$ and compute dimension of conjugacy class in $G(\mathbb{R})$
- ▶ For 1/2 BPS objects, dimension = 58
 - ▶ 240 states are special points in this 58-dim space preserving rectangularity of internal torus

Sugra description of exotic states

Sugra solution for $5\frac{1}{2}$ (1)

KKM(56789,4):

$$ds^2 = dx_{056789}^2 + H dx_{123}^2 + H^{-1} (dx^4 + \omega)^2$$

$$e^{2\Phi} = 1, \quad d\omega = *_3 dH,$$

$$H = 1 + \sum_p H_p, \quad H_p = \frac{R_4}{2|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_p|}$$

\vec{x}_p : positions of centers in \mathbb{R}_{123}^3

 compactify x^3

$$H(r) = h + \sigma \log\left(\frac{\mu}{r}\right)$$

[Sen] [Blau+O'Loughlin]

 T-dualize along x^3

Sugra solution for 5_2^2 (2)

$5_2^2(56789,34)$ metric:

$$ds^2 = H(dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2) + HK^{-1} dx_{34}^2 + dx_{056789}^2$$
$$B_{34}^{(2)} = -K^{-1}\theta\sigma, \quad e^{2\Phi} = HK^{-1}, \quad K \equiv H^2 + \sigma^2\theta^2$$

$$H(r) = h + \sigma \log\left(\frac{\mu}{r}\right)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{R_3 R_4}{2\pi\alpha'}$$

Cf. [Blau+O'Loughlin]: 63

► T-fold structure:

$$\theta = 0 : G_{33} = G_{44} = H^{-1},$$
$$\theta = 2\pi : G_{33} = G_{44} = \frac{H}{H^2 + (2\pi\sigma)^2}$$

→ x^3 - x^4 torus size doesn't come back to itself!

T-fold structure of 5_2^2

- ▶ Package 3-4 part of G, B :

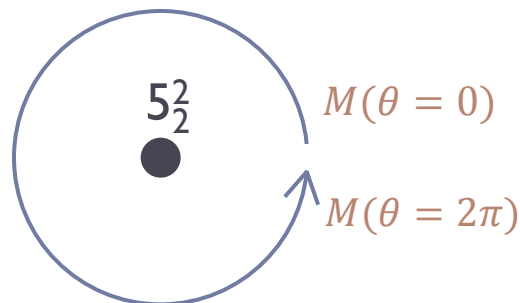
$$M = \begin{pmatrix} G^{-1} & G^{-1}B \\ -BG^{-1} & G - BG^{-1}B \end{pmatrix}$$

T-duality acts as

$$M \rightarrow M' = \Omega^t M \Omega, \quad \Omega \in SO(2,2, \mathbb{R})$$

T-duality monodromy around 5_2^2 :

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2\pi\sigma & 1 \end{pmatrix}: \quad M(\theta = 0) \rightarrow M(\theta = 2\pi)$$



Comments

- ▶ Can compute mass by putting it in flat space
- ▶ Not well-defined as stand-alone objects
 - ▶ Log divergence
 - Superpositions (cf. F-theory 7-branes)
 - Configs with higher codims. (next topic)
- ▶ Easy to get sugra metric for other exotic branes
 - ▶ Questionable for states with $M \sim g_s^{-3}, g_s^{-4}$

Supertube effect and exotic branes

Dualizing supertube effect

Original supertube effect:

$$D0 + F1(1) \rightarrow D2(1\psi)$$



dualize

Various other known puff-ups:

$$F1(1) + P(1) \rightarrow F1(\psi)$$

FP sys

$$D1(1) + D5(12345) \rightarrow KKM(2345\psi, 1)$$

LM geom

$$M2(12) + M2(34) \rightarrow M5(1234\psi)$$

black ring

Puff-ups involving exotic charges

$$D0 + F1(1) \rightarrow D2(1\psi)$$



dualize

Exotic puff-ups:

$$D4(6789) + D4(4589) \rightarrow 5_2^2(4567\psi, 89)$$

: part of 4D BH system

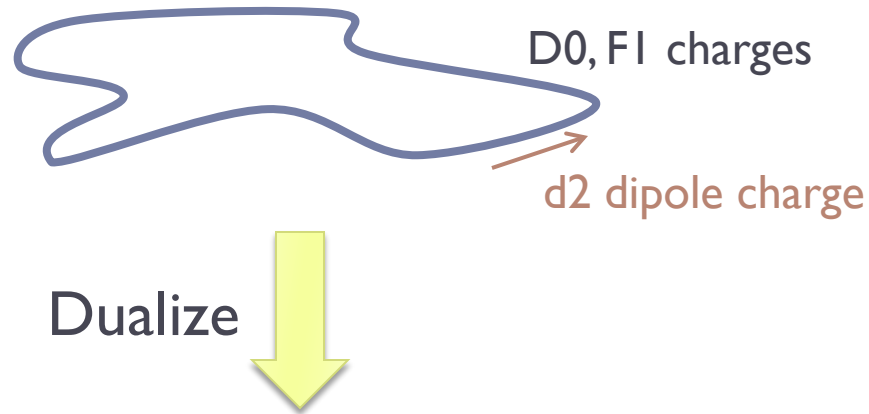
$$D3(589) + NS5(46789) \rightarrow 5_3^2(4567\psi, 89)$$

$$NS5(46789) + KKM(46789,5) \rightarrow 1_4^6(\psi, 456789)$$

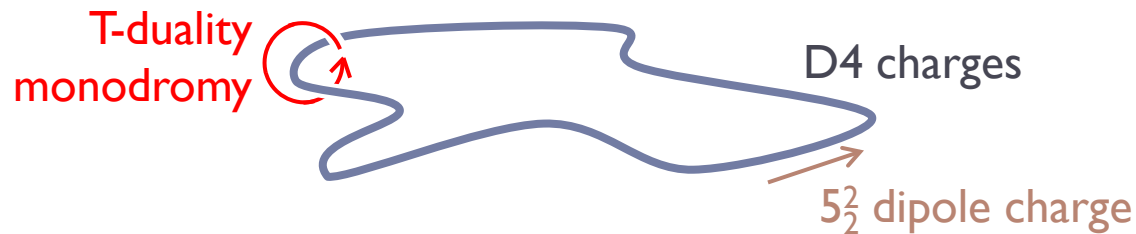
$$g_s^{-a} + g_s^{-b} \rightarrow g_s^{-a-b}$$

Sugra solution for $D4+D4 \rightarrow 5\frac{1}{2}$

▶ Basic sugra supertube



▶ Exotic 2-charge solution



D4(6789)+D4(4589)→5 $\frac{1}{2}$ (4567 ψ ,89)

$$ds^2 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{f_1 f_2}} (dt - A)^2 + \sqrt{f_1 f_5} dx_{123}^2 + \sqrt{\frac{f_1}{f_2}} dx_{45}^2 + \sqrt{\frac{f_2}{f_1}} dx_{67}^2 + \frac{\sqrt{f_1 f_2}}{f_1 f_2 + \gamma^2} dx_{89}^2,$$

f_i, A : sourced along curve

$$f_1 = 1 + \frac{Q_1}{L} \int_0^L \frac{dv}{|\vec{x} - \vec{F}(v)|}, \quad f_2 = 1 + \frac{Q_1}{L} \int_0^L \frac{|\dot{\vec{F}}(v)|^2}{|\vec{x} - \vec{F}(v)|} dv, \quad A_i = -\frac{Q_1}{L} \int_0^L \frac{\dot{F}_i(v)}{|\vec{x} - \vec{F}(v)|}$$

$$d\beta_I = *_3 df_I, \quad d\gamma = *_3 dA$$

▶ β_i, γ have monodromy around curve

$$\beta_I \rightarrow \beta_I - 2Q_I, \quad \gamma \rightarrow \gamma - 2q, \quad \rightarrow \text{T-fold structure just as before}$$

▶ Asymptotically flat 4D

$$D4(6789)+D4(4589)\rightarrow 5_2^2(4567\psi,89)$$

Other fields:

$$e^{2\Phi} = \frac{\sqrt{f_1 f_2}}{f_1 f_2 + \gamma^2}, \quad B_{89}^{(2)} = \frac{\gamma}{f_1 f_2 + \gamma^2}, \quad C^{(3)} = -\gamma\rho + \sigma$$

$$\rho = (f_2^{-1} + dt - A) \wedge dx^4 \wedge dx^5 + (f_1^{-1} + dt - A) \wedge dx^6 \wedge dx^7$$

$$\sigma = (\beta_1 - \gamma dt) \wedge dx^4 \wedge dx^5 + (\beta_2 - \gamma dt) \wedge dx^6 \wedge dx^7$$



Circular D4+D4 → 5₂²

For circular profile, all functions can be explicitly written down

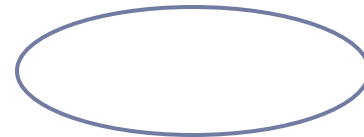
$$dx_{123}^2 = \frac{R^2}{(\cos \phi - y)^2} \left[\frac{dy^2}{y^2 - 1} + (y^2 - 1)d\psi^2 + d\phi^2 \right]$$

$$f_I = 1 + \frac{Q_I}{R} \sqrt{\frac{\cos \phi - y}{-2y}} F\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; z^2\right), \quad A_\psi = -\frac{qR}{2} \frac{y^2 - 1}{(\cos \phi - y)^{1/2} (-2y)^{3/2}} F\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{4}; 2; z^2\right)$$

$$\gamma = -\frac{q\sqrt{1-y}}{4\sqrt{2}(-y)^{3/2}} \left\{ (1+y) \mathbf{F}\left(\frac{\phi}{2} \middle| \frac{2}{1-y}\right) F\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{4}; 2; z^2\right) \right. \\ \left. + u \mathbf{E}\left(\frac{\phi}{2} \middle| \frac{2}{1-y}\right) \left[3F\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}; 2; z^2\right) + F\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{4}; 2; z^2\right) \right] \right\}$$

$$\beta_I = \dots$$

$$z = 1 - y^{-2}$$




Puff-ups and BH microstates (1)

- ▶ Standard 4D BH system

D0, D4(6789), D4(4589), D4(4567)

: Well studied for microstate counting [MSW]

- ▶ Possible puff-ups:

D4(6789)	puff up	NS5(6789 ψ)	$5\frac{1}{2}(6789,45\psi)$
D0 D4(4589)		NS5(4589 ψ)	$5\frac{1}{2}(4589,67\psi)$
D4(4567)		NS5(4567 ψ)	$5\frac{1}{2}(4567,89\psi)$

non-geometric

puff up


More exotic charges?

Puff-ups and BH microstates (2)



▶ 5D BH system

M2(56), M2(78), M2(9A)

: Well studied for microstate geometry

[Mathur] [Bena+Warner] [Berglund+Gimon+Levi]
[de Boer+El-Showk+Messamah+Van de Bleeken]

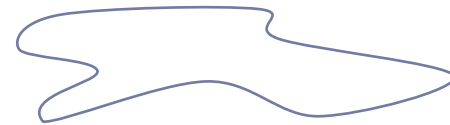
▶ Possible puff-ups:

M2(56)	puff up	M5(789A ψ)	puff up	5 ³ (789A ϕ , 56 ψ)
M2(78)		M5(569A ψ)		5 ³ (569A ϕ , 78 ψ)
M2(9A)		M5(5678 ψ) cf. black ring		5 ³ (5678 ϕ , 9A ψ) non-geometric

Puff-ups and BH microstates (3)

2-charge system

- ▶ Worldvolume theory:
 - ▶ Higgs branch coming from intersection of two stacks
- ▶ Gravity:
 - ▶ Fluctuation of 1-dimensional object



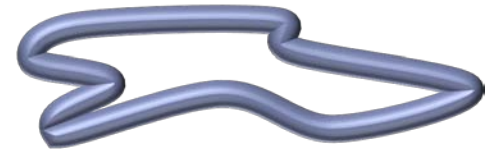
$$S_{\text{brane}} = S_{\text{gravity}}$$

Puff-ups and BH microstates (4)

3-charge system

- ▶ Worldvolume theory:
 - ▶ More complicated Higgs branch from triple intersection

- ▶ Gravity:



- ▶ Fluctuation of 2-dimensional object?
 - Exotic branes has just the right dimensionality
- ▶ Explains missing entropy in sugra microstate geometries?

$$S_{\text{brane}} = S_{\text{gravity}} ??$$

[Bena+Warner] [Berglund+Gimon+Levi]
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Conclusions

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- ▶ Exotic branes = non-geometries (U-folds)
- ▶ Exotic charges = U-duality monodromies
- ▶ Relevant even for non-exotic physics by supertube effect
- ▶ Unexplored exotic land out there awaiting us!
 - ▶ Classification of exotic branes (bound states, etc.)
 - ▶ Non-Abelian anyon statistics
 - ▶ AdS/CFT
 - ▶ Microstate non-geometries
 - ▶ 4D black ring??